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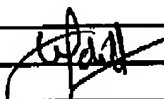
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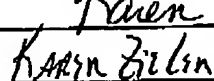
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Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Louis D. Lieto, Ph.D.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper provides a summary of interviews held at the Patent Office on May 16, 2006, and subsequently by telephone.

Attending the interview on May 16 were the undersigned representing the co-owners of the claimed invention, and Examiners Louis D. Lieto, Deborah Crouch, and Deborah Reynolds on behalf of the Patent Office.

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The participants addressed the obviousness-type double patenting rejections over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,261,836 and 6,337,200. Applicants agreed to file a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the '836 patent. The undersigned presented possible appeal arguments as to why the '200 patent should not be cited. Other possible ways of dealing with the '200 patent were discussed. The undersigned undertook to file a Request for Continued Examination if necessary to keep the application pending.

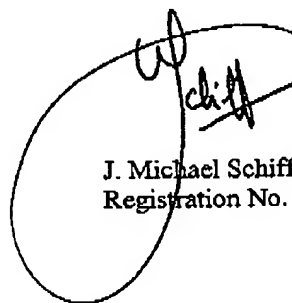
Subsequent telephone discussions were conducted with Dr. Lieto relating to the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to both cited patents. The Terminal Disclaimer was filed on June 16, 2006, and the application has since been allowed.

This Interview Summary is being filed at applicants' option to clarify the record as to what was discussed. A request for further consideration of this appeal had effectively been made in papers filed October 6, 2005 and April 6, 2006. An Interview Summary pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.133(b) is not needed, because matters for reconsideration in the next Office Action were dealt with in papers filed before and after the interview.

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